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Supervisors and Court Officials Meet to Discuss Court Closures

Supervisor Ramos and Supervisor Lovingood met today with local court officials and other principals of the judicial system to discuss possible short and long-term solutions to the court closures set to take place in Barstow, Big Bear, and Needles.

During the meeting, Supervisor Ramos and Lovingood were briefed on the status of court funding for San Bernardino County by Court Executive Officer Stephen Nash. Following the overview of the cuts already experienced by our court system, the attendees had a productive discussion of possible solutions in the short-term to mitigate the impact that will be felt by residents in these affected areas.

Providing adequate and affordable transportation for residents having to travel greater distances to courthouses is one short-term solution idea that Supervisor Ramos and Lovingood are committed to investigating. All were in agreement that residents must have easy accessibility to the courthouses they will be reassigned to following these court closures.

The discussion also included ideas for long-term solutions to the inequitable state funding of our court system. "It is vital that we have our voice heard at the state level. We must come together for the betterment of San Bernardino County as a whole," stated Supervisor Ramos.

Those in attendance agreed to continue to explore alternatives for short-term solutions and to work towards the long-term goal of achieving equitable funding of our court system at the state level.

Supervisor Ramos has requested that Chairwoman Rutherford make this a priority work session item and the Chair graciously scheduled it for the first session on February 19th.